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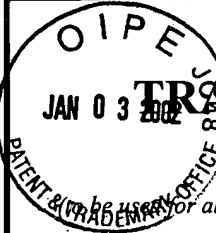
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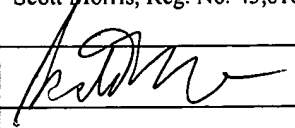
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	<b>Filing Date</b>	June 29, 2001	
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Randall H. Chaney	
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Randall H. Chance

Serial No.: 09/897,701

Filed: June 29, 2001

For: Telemetry System and Method

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. 10.40(c))

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW

1. I, an attorney signing below, on behalf of all of the patent attorneys and agents employed at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.36.

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2. The last known mailing address of the assignee of the entire interest is:

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BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6).

Explanation (including brief description of exhibits, if any):

Client demands withdrawal by this Firm.

**ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT**

**4. Status of this Application**

- ☐ Response due:  
XX There is no outstanding term for response.

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**NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT**

5. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

**NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST**

6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

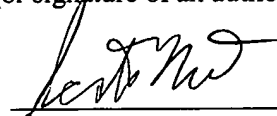
**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

7. Related Applications for Which Withdrawal is Requested  
Withdrawal also is (has been) requested in the following related applications of the assignee.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Status of Withdrawal request</u>
09/427,415	2635	mailed on December 13, 2001
09/897,700	2635	mailed on December 13, 2001
PCT/US00/41568		mailed on December 13, 2001

**SIGNATURE OF WITHDRAWING PRACTITIONER**

8. Signature(s) of the attorney(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an attorney withdrawing)



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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled:  
**System and Method for Remotely Reading Utility Meters**  
Application No. 09/427,415; Filed: October 29, 1999  
Inventor(s): Donald J. Davis, et al.  
Our Reference No.: 27251-701

U.S. Patent Application Entitled:  
**System and Method for Remote Monitoring of Cathodic Protection Systems**  
Application No. 09/897,700; Filed: June 29, 2001  
Inventor(s): Randall H. Change, et al.  
Our Reference No.: 27251-702

U.S. Patent Application Entitled:  
**Telemetry System and Method**  
Application No. 09/897,701; Filed: June 29, 2001  
Inventor(s): Randall H. Chance, et al.  
Our Reference No.: 27251-703

PCT Application Entitled  
**System and Method for Remotely Reading Utility Meters**  
Application No. PCT/US00/41568; Filed October 25, 2000  
Applicant: American Innovations Ltd.  
Our Reference No.: 27251-704

U.S. Patent Application Entitled:  
**Remote Monitoring System Couples to One or More Piezometers**  
(This application was not filed)  
Our Reference No.: 27251-706

Dear Richard:

Pursuant to your request, we are returning the above-referenced patent matters to you.  
We have enclosed a master docket summary for your convenience. The master docket summary

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may contain errors, as with all reports of this type. Thus, you should independently establish your records and verify their accuracy.

Also enclosed are your patent files from Baker & Botts, L.L.P. as well as miscellaneous working files.

Under cover of separate letter, we will send copies of a Request for Withdrawal as Attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office for each of the above-referenced patents.

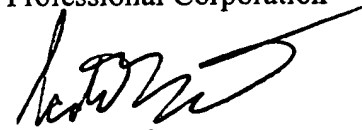
Given our withdrawal, it is essential that you immediately begin to arrange to hire new patent counsel. If you select new counsel, we will, of course, work with your new counsel to make the transition as smooth as possible.

If American Innovations Inc. does not obtain counsel, then American Innovations Inc. will be its own attorney in the above matters. Since only pro se inventors and registered patent attorneys and patent agents are permitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, there may be limitations on American Innovations Inc.'s ability to prosecute the above matters. Our representation will cease, whether or not American Innovations Inc. obtains new counsel.

Please return a signed copy of this letter to acknowledge the receipt of the files. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 338-5409.

Sincerely,

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI  
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